



Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Shell Carson Facility Ethanol (E10) Project

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Carson Double Tree Hotel
2 Civic Plaza
Carson, CA 90745**

Purpose of This Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has scheduled a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping meeting regarding the **Shell Carson Facility Ethanol (E10) Project**. The SCAQMD is the lead agency for this proposed project. The proposed project may have statewide, regional or areawide significance, therefore, a scoping meeting is being held (pursuant to Public Resources Code §21083.9(a)(2)). The purpose of this meeting is to solicit information on the scope of the environmental analysis for the proposed project and notify the public that the SCAQMD plans to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to assess potential adverse environmental impacts that may result from implementing the proposed project.

Project Location

The proposed project will occur at the Shell Carson Distribution Facility, 20945 S. Wilmington Avenue, Carson, California 90810.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Proposed Project

The Shell Carson Facility is proposing a project to increase the facility's capacity to deliver denatured ethanol by tanker trucks to the southern California market. The increase in denatured ethanol delivery capacity is in response to an increase in the amount of ethanol required to be blended into gasoline to comply with the 2007 amendments to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Phase 3 Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) requirements. The proposed project includes the following changes to the Carson Distribution Facility: 1) increase the ethanol throughput at an existing two-lane tanker truck loading rack; 2) convert up to four existing storage tanks from gasoline to ethanol service; 3) install one new ethanol tanker truck loading lane and associated ethanol loading rack; 4) expand the existing ethanol loading rack operations building; and 5) install one new gasoline storage tank to replace gasoline storage capacity that will be transferred to ethanol service.

California Environmental Quality Act

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, SCAQMD staff will analyze the proposed project for any potential adverse environmental impacts. A Notice of Preparation and Initial Study (NOP/IS) has been prepared for the proposed project and can be obtained at the Public Information Center located at SCAQMD Headquarters: 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765 or by calling (909) 396-2039 or accessing the SCAQMD's CEQA website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/ceqa/nonaqmd.html>. In addition, copies of the NOP/IS will be available at the following libraries:

Wilmington Public Library
1300 N. Avalon Blvd.
Wilmington, CA 90744
(310) 834-1082

Carson Regional Library
151 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
(310) 830-0901

An EIR will be prepared to assess potential adverse environmental impacts that may result from implementing the proposed project.

Submission of Documents or Comments

You are invited to attend the meeting and may also send comments, documents or other information relevant to the proposed project. Comments focusing on your area of expertise, your agency's area of jurisdiction, or other environmental issues relative to the environmental document should be mailed, faxed, or emailed no later than 5:00 p.m., May 18, 2010 to:

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